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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 02490

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, WB, GE, GW, US, UK, FR, UR  
SUBJECT: INCREASE IN REICHSBAHN TARIFFS FOR ALLIED  
MILITARY TRAINS TO BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBER 377; (B) BONN 1538; (C) USBER 266;  
(D) BONN 1472; (E) USBER 230; (F) BONN 935

1. IN FEBRUARY 7 MEETING, BONN GROUP CONSIDERED  
STATE OF PLAY ON REICHSBAHN DEMAND FOR A TARIFF  
INCREASE ON ALLIED MILITARY TRAINS TO BERLIN.  
DRAWING UPON REF A, U.S. REP BROUGHT FRG REPS UP-TO-  
DATE ON THE SITUATION AND ALLIED ACTIONS. AS SUGGESTED  
IN PARA LL REF A, U.S. REP NOTED THAT BUNDESBahn  
SHOULD CONTINUE TO COMPENSATE REICHSBAHN ON BASIS OF  
OLD RATES. FRG REP (VON ARNIM) CONFIRMED THAT THE  
BUNDESBahn HAD BEEN INFORMED TO THAT EFFECT.  
(THE FRG'S EARLIER ASSURANCES ON THIS SCORE WERE  
REPORTED IN PARA 3 REF D).

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2. ALL REPS AGREED WITH USBER ASSESSMENT THAT THE BALL  
IS NOW IN GDR-SOVIET COURT. HOWEVER, THERE IS STRONG  
FEELING IN BONN GROUP THAT ALLIES SHOULD PROFITABLY  
USE THE TIME WHICH WE HAVE GAINED TO CONSIDER WHERE  
WE GO FROM HERE.

3. IN THAT REGARD, FRENCH REP (DE BOISSIEU) SUGGESTED THAT WE COULD EITHER WAIT FOR THE RUSSIANS TO COME BACK TO US ON THE SUBJECT OR WE COULD MAKE A PROPOSAL TO THE RUSSIANS TO PAY AT A CERTAIN REASONABLE RATE. UK REP (HITCH) SAW SOME MERIT IN THE LATTER POSSIBILITY, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF FREIGHT. HOWEVER, U.S. REP DISAGREED CITING ARGUMENT THAT REAL GDR AIM IS NOT MORE MONEY BUT TO DISMANTLE A PORTION OF THE REMAINING OCCUPATION REGIME.

4. DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT THAT WE SHOULD BEGIN THINKING ABOUT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE, GIVEN LIKELIHOOD THAT NEXT MOVE WILL NOT IN FACT BE A SOVIET PROPOSAL, AS WE MIGHT HOPE, BUT A FURTHER GDR OR REICHSBAHN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE PRESENT SITUATION. STOESEL

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